

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2648 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER, GROVE, HENNESSEY, JAMES, JONES, R. MACKENZIE, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MOUL, NEILSON, PICKETT, RYAN, STAMBAUGH, THOMAS, TOPPER AND C. WILLIAMS, JUNE 8, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 8, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
 21 determined," in Office of State Inspector General, further
 22 providing for powers, purpose and duties and for criminal
 23 charges.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Sections 503-A(c) and 506-A of the act of April
 27 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of

1 1929, are amended by adding paragraphs to read:

2 Section 503-A. Powers, purpose and duties.

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4 (c) Duties.--The State Inspector General shall:

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6 (12.1) Within 30 days of the effective date of this
7 paragraph, appoint agents to investigate instances of actual
8 or attempted fraud, theft, abuse, falsification of records,
9 illicit payment and identity theft associated with the
10 unemployment compensation program established under the act
11 of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1),
12 known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, including
13 supplemental or extended unemployment compensation benefits
14 programs administered by the Department of Labor and Industry
15 under section 608 of the Unemployment Compensation Law. This
16 paragraph shall expire December 31, 2026.

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18 Section 506-A. Criminal charges.

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State
20 Inspector General shall have the power to investigate and may
21 file criminal charges for a violation of any of the following:

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23 (5) (i) The following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S.
24 (relating to crimes and offenses), which are
25 substantially related to the administration of
26 unemployment compensation benefits by the Department of
27 Labor and Industry:

28 (A) Section 903 (relating to criminal
29 conspiracy).

30 (B) Section 911 (relating to corrupt

1 organizations).

2 (C) Section 3922 (relating to theft by
3 deception).

4 (D) Section 4120 (relating to identity theft).

5 (E) Section 4911 (relating to tampering with
6 public records or information).

7 (F) Section 7611 (relating to unlawful use of
8 computer and other computer crimes).

9 (ii) This paragraph shall expire December 31, 2026.

10 (6) Sections 801 and 802 of the act of December 5, 1936
11 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the
12 Unemployment Compensation Law. This paragraph shall expire
13 December 31, 2026.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.